

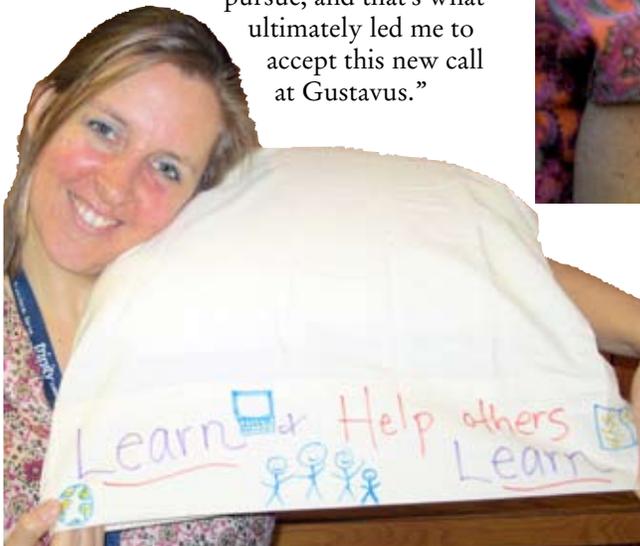
Pastor Siri Erickson Accepts Call

at Gustavus Adolphus College

They say all good things must come to an end, and so it is with Pastor Siri's ministry here at Trinity.

Pastor Siri recently accepted a call as Chaplain of the College at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter. Her last day at Trinity will be Aug. 4.

"There is a part of me that would want to stay here at Trinity forever because it is such an amazing community," she says. "But at the same time, I knew that professionally I was ready for a new challenge, and that there were some longings in my soul that I needed to pursue, and that's what ultimately led me to accept this new call at Gustavus."



In her new position, Siri will join another new recruit, Pastor Brian Konkol of Wisconsin, in re-imagining how faith is expressed at the College. Although Gustavus Adolphus is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, its 2,500-member student body is comprised of students from all over the world who have diverse religious traditions. Given this, Siri says she and Brian hope to transform the Chaplain's Office into a ministry that connects faith to everything students, faculty and staff care about — from academics to sports to serving the world.

"We want a chaplain's office that is not an island unto itself, but is really integrated into the life of the campus," she says. "So we'll be doing our work rooted in the Lutheran tradition but with a very ecumenical and interfaith approach."

Part of that will include empowering, training and supporting students, faculty and staff in learning how to live compassionately in a global society — a particular passion of Siri's. She'll also lead a team in producing the college's annual Christmas in Christ Chapel, and begin reworking the daily chapel service into a more campus-wide Sabbath celebration.

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PASTOR DAN POFFENBERGER



Celebrating Siri

Celebrating Siri, our wonderful Sister-in-Christ, will be a joyous time! She has been called into a perfect situation for her: the Gustavus Adolphus community, where the students, faculty, administration, alums and friends of the college all will be enriched by her ministry and her effervescence.

When Siri first met me for a visit in downtown Stillwater, I was taken by her intellect, her faith, and her passion for theological education. I remember being thrilled by the prospect of working with her, and she has been a joy as a colleague and a friend. I thought, in those early days, that we would be lucky to have this bright first-call young pastor for three or four years; it has turned into nine years! In all of that time, I think Siri and I have had one bad day — but I can no longer remember what that was about. How wonderful is that?

Siri and I came to Trinity after a long time of conflict and struggle for the congregation, and she is responsible for so much of the good that has transpired. Trinity is indebted to her for the excellent theological foundation she has put in place, her passion for the “theological voices” of the people of Trinity, and her joy in sharing the spiritual practices of our faith.

One of the quirks of serving as a pastor is that we are never quite sure what difference we are making in the lives of our people. If you have

been touched by Siri, make it a point to reach out and let her know — it would mean a great deal. Also make a point to celebrate her on Sat., Aug. 3 during a goodbye party and open house.

Take this opportunity to share a word of gratitude and farewell to our Sister-in-Christ! Life is an adventure, and this is the beginning of a brand new one for Siri, Seth and Zella — God’s richest blessings to them!

Process/Transition

The Congregational Council and I have been aware for a while that Siri might be taking a new call. To that end, the Council has already established a Call Committee: Doug Johnson and Jill Tammen will serve as co-chairs; other committee members include established participants and leaders in Trinity’s Lifelong Learning Ministries — Kat Carlsen, Jeff Kanewisher, Scott Kneeskern, Dana Miller and Marilee Tangen. Thank you to all committee members for volunteering their time in interviewing candidates for this important call. Look to the website for information about their work, the job description for the position, and other information.

The St. Paul Area Synod is providing us with candidates for this call, and we are also drawing on our relationships throughout the church to surface strong candidates that will serve Trinity with excellence and faithfulness.

Join us for a party celebrating Siri Erickson’s nine years at Trinity and her appointment as chaplain at Gustavus Adolphus College!

*Sat., Aug. 3
6-10 p.m.*

*at the home of Carol & Loren Carver
424 N. 3rd St., Stillwater
Appetizers, Desserts,
Beverages & Music*



Summer Engagement

In August, I will once again be leading a Theology Pub. We will discuss *Jesus: a Theophany* by Len Sweet and Frank Viola. Tentative dates are Wednesday evenings, August 7, 14 and 21. I will post the location on Trinity’s website and in the bulletin once it is secured.

Like last year, we will meet over a beer, wine or other beverage in one of our local establishments. You will need to pre-order the book, and come to the first meeting with the first third read. This is an open, free-flowing conversation, and I will add my own “take” on the material, so come prepared to have some fun and some thought-provoking theology.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS



Olivia Wirtanen



Jason, Jean & Jordy Nousiainen



Pat, Nicole, Adelyn, Jack & Owen Meyers

On June 16, we had the honor of welcoming 18 new members from seven families into membership with us here at Trinity. These folks range from the age of three months to three or more decades, and hail from a wide variety of places and positions in life. See if you can match the nugget of information to the new member—and surprise them with this knowledge along with a warm greeting when you next see them!

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| 1. Met Zanny dogsledding | ___ Nolan Clavette |
| 2. Both spouses work at Target Corp | ___ The Meyers Family |
| 3. Piano teacher on the North Hill in town | ___ Mark Briol |
| 4. Prison dispatcher | ___ Carolyn Briol and Lynae Olson |
| 5. Turned 1 on July 2 | ___ Olivia |
| 6. Nurse anesthetist | ___ Jordy N |
| 7. Trust officer | ___ Pat Myers |
| 8. Born a tad early but doing great | ___ Matt Lipp |
| 9. Has lived in England (in a castle), Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii | ___ The Clavette Family |
| 10. Have lived in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan | ___ Olivia |
| 11. Originally from the UP of Michigan and is a prison guard | ___ Jean N |
| 12. One of eight children | ___ John Olson |
| 13. Labor and delivery nurse | ___ Jason N |
| 14. Senior director of HR at Target | ___ Carolyn Briol |

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Sam, Jaima & Nolan Clavette



Mark & Carolyn Briol



John & Lynae Olson



Matt, BreAnne, Jamis, Leighton, & Aiden Lipp

STEWARDS

OF GOD'S ABUNDANCE



by Michele Hermansen
michele2255@gmail.com

Even the sun looked ceremonial, wearing a circular rainbow-like halo as it shined brightly over the Lake Superior beach at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29. A slight breeze blew puffs of white clouds across the beautiful blue sky at Little Sand Bay, 13 miles north of Bayfield WI. Scores of uniformed veterans joined the Marine honor guard waiting quietly on the shore to honor their fallen comrade with military rites. Clusters of civilians waited respectfully nearby. When the rumble of the Patriot Guard cycles announced the approach of the funeral motorcade, the veterans and Marine honor guard snapped to attention.

One day short of 46 years after Merlin Allen was killed in a fiery helicopter crash in Vietnam, the recently-identified remains of the young Marine were

returned for burial to the hometown he left at age 20.

I was there by chance, having heard about it in Bayfield the previous day. At 7 a.m., we parked at the deserted high school where the funeral was going to be held. We watched, alone, as the Patriot Guard escorted the hearse and they saluted as the tiny box and folded flag were carried into the school before they planted the flags along the street. I decided then that I wanted to attend the military rites at Little Sand Bay after the service.

Standing at the beach later in the morning under that beautiful sky, my heart overflowed with gratitude. I wasn't really there for Merlin Allen as much as for all those other guys — the ones that never had a parade or an honor guard or an escort or their name

on a wall. The ones with the scars, whether on the inside or outside. The ones who were there on the beach and the ones who weren't. I hoped that somehow they will all feel that these honors are gratitude for their sacrifice; the tears are heartfelt embraces for their pain.

Here are some of the things that fill me with gratitude this month, in addition to that incredible day in Bayfield:

- Rain that is relieving some of our drought
- Dry homes that shelter us from the rain
- Sun that is making everything green and lush
- Family time and kids that stay an extra day
- Friends with whom we can pray and play
- Seeing fields of lupine for the first time
- Spotting a sand hill crane family
- Having access to excellent medical care
- Living in a country that has resources for road construction
- Volunteers who give quietly, joyfully and consistently
- Being able to read, and the great things available to us for reading

Be a steward of God's abundance

As you share Trinity's mission to offer the love of God to everyone, call people into a closer transforming relationship with Jesus, and serve our neighbors in the world, please join other generous stewards who are growing in the grace of giving and make a financial Giving Plan. Making a Giving Plan is a healthy expression of what we value and care about and builds deeper faith and trust in God. Visit www.trinitylc.org to complete your plan or make a donation. Contact Julie Jolivet at ext. 108 or jjolivet@trinitylc.org with questions.

— growing in the grace of giving —





Volunteering is Good for Your Heart— In More Ways Than One

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others.*

—Gandhi

Plenty of studies show that volunteering is good for our wellbeing, but new research by Carnegie Mellon University suggests it's particularly good for our hearts.

The four-year study surveyed more than 1,100 adults between the ages of 51 and 91. In 2006, all of them had normal blood pressure. However, those who said during the first interview that they volunteered for at least 200 hours per year were 40 percent less likely to have high blood pressure in 2010 than those who did not volunteer. The type of volunteering did not matter: it was the amount of time spent volunteering that was associated with a reduced risk of high blood pressure. (The complete study is scheduled for publication in the journal *Psychology and Aging*.)

Although the study does not prove that volunteering lowers blood pressure levels, it makes a pretty good case for its heart-healthy benefits.

“Participating in volunteer activities may provide older adults with social connections that they might not have otherwise,” said Rodlescia Sneed, a Ph.D. candidate in psychology at Carnegie Mellon University, in a news release. “There is strong evidence that having good social connections promotes healthy aging and reduces risk for a number of negative health outcomes.”

This is incredibly good news! Simply by volunteering, we may be able to prevent high blood pressure, which is a major contributor to cardiovascular disease — the leading cause of death in the United States.

If that isn't an incentive to get out and volunteer, what is?

If you'd like to begin volunteering at Trinity but aren't sure where to begin, give me a call or send me an email: 651-439-7400 ext. 107 or cmoser@trinitylc.org. After all, it could be a matter of life and death!

a summer
engagement

Calling all Dog Lovers! with Pastor Candee

Wed., July 24 & 31, 9-10:30 a.m.

It's time to put on your walking shoes, grab the leash and head out for a great morning walk with Fido and friends. We will meet on Wednesdays in July, beginning July 10 at 9 a.m. Gather at the church (4th St. entrance) for a brief morning devotion before deciding on a route. We'll return to the church following our walk for a time of fellowship and rehydration! Questions? Call Pastor Candee at 439-7400, ext. 107 or cmoser@trinitylc.org.



Do you keep a gratitude journal? If not, give it a try beginning tonight. Take a few moments to reflect on the day and write down what you're grateful for that day. Even if the day didn't quite meet your expectations, or if you felt kind of lousy, discipline yourself to find at least two things that you can be grateful for. At the end of the month, you will be surprised by the overflowing cup of your life!

In closing this month, I share a prayer credited to Bobby Richardson, second baseman for the NY Yankees in the late 50s and early 60s, who was called upon to pray at a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes:

Dear God,

*Your will, nothing more,
nothing less, nothing else.*

Amen.

*The Vibrant Stewardship Team
welcomes your thoughts, contact Julie
Jolivet at jjolivet@trinitylc.org or
Ann Wolff at wolff701@msn.com.*

MISSION MINISTRIES



Tom Thiets
Director of Missions
tthiets@trinitylc.org

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace.

— Romans 14:19

The idea first came up 21 years ago on the dusty sand streets of a small fishing village in the Yucatan

Back on a Sunday evening in 1992, Pastor Rich Melheim and I were winding down on our late night walk in the village of Chuburna Puerto when he asked me, “What did you learn today?”

I replied that, when I watched the interaction between our group of high school students and the local children, the differences of age, race, religion, and economic resources just faded away: they were all just children enjoying each other and sharing a moment of joy. I said it would be great to build playgrounds around the world — spaces for people to gather, share, experience, and learn about each other in a peaceful setting. Sort of a “playgrounds for peace” program.

Sure, I knew that building playgrounds wouldn't bring about world peace. But maybe it would bring joy to a few children, and probably to their families, and possibly also to their neighborhood, and perhaps, on a grand scale, even to their community. And certainly whoever built the playground would experience a bit of peace in their hearts.

My dream of building playgrounds for peace remained just that until two years ago, when a Jewish musician, a Palestinian Pastor, a Christian musician from Armenia, and a Muslim musician sat down to eat (really, this isn't the beginning of a bad joke) with those two crazy Lutheran dreamers who had walked those dusty streets two decades ago. In a closing prayer, Pastor Metri

Rahib reminded us that Jesus had said blessed are the peace makers not the peace talkers. So we started making plans.

In May, I traveled to the Holy Land to meet with potential playground partners: the Dar al Kalima University and K-12 school. Dar al Kalima is a combined Christian and Muslim education center that has already begun building a playground on a hill overlooking Bethlehem — and they invited us to join them.

Bethlehem is a crowded city built amongst the hills, so there's little green space and even less flat ground. So, the first step in creating a playground of peace was to define a site and then construct retaining walls, steps, and sidewalks. Dar al Kalima has invested a large amount of money to reach this point — now they're praying we can help them bring the project to fruition.

So we need to spread the word about our peace playground! Ultimately, we need to find 100 churches, mosques, and synagogues to donate \$1,000 each to turn this dream of a playground of peace into a reality. Look for updates at www.trinitylc.org.

Come dream with us and be a peace maker instead of a peace talker!

— Tom Thiets and Pastor and Rich Melheim (Founder and Chief Creative Officer, Faith Inkubators Inc. www.faithink.com)

Fall Tanzania Mission trip

Oct. 22-Nov. 5, 2013

We are gathering our team for a fall mission trip to Tanzania. The team will be serving alongside our partners in a variety of projects:

- Set-up special needs and physical therapy equipment, and light construction.
- Water, electrical, computer support and other projects
- Unload and organize container supplies
- Planning session
- Village water system update, expansion and repairs

All are welcome. Please contact Tom Thiets for more information at tthiets@trinitylc.org or 439-7400.



The playground building site at the Dar al Kalima University and K-12 school located on top of a hill in Bethlehem.



Our on-site project manager, Ms. Maha Khamis Abughannam, is a facility engineer for the church development office that oversees all of the construction projects for the school.

MISSION updates

St. Paul Midway Area Outreach Ministry

Bethlehem Lutheran, one block north of Hwy 94 on Roy Street, behind green tile building

You are invited to join Pastor Joy Johnson and her dedicated staff as they minister to the homeless, the struggling, the battered, and the lonely in the Midway area of St. Paul with these summer ministry projects:

Fresh Produce Distribution

Aug. 1, 15, 29; Sept. 5, 19; 9 a.m.

Your hands are needed to sort and bag 9-12 pallets of produce.

Street Ministry

Third Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.

Join the team as they minister to the community at the corner of University and Snelling Avenues.

Community Lunch for the Homeless and Hungry

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Help is needed to prepare, set-up, serve, and clean-up for every meal.

Annual Lawn Party

(picnic, food & school supplies)

Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m.

Help is needed in the afternoon for set-up, assistance during the event, and clean-up afterward.

Community Garden in the Midway

Midway YMCA on University

Avenue, west of Bethlehem Lutheran

A brand new community garden is being planted in the Midway area this summer. If you would like to help tend this garden, please contact Cathy Quinlivan at 651-292-4138.

For more information, please contact Pastor Joy Johnson or Pastor Steve at 651-646-6549 or Tom Thiets at 439-7400 or tthiets@trinitylc.org

LIFELONG LEARNING



building your
personal
theology

Building your Personal Theology: God

Tuesdays, Aug. 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Home of Jolene & Michael Patterson

\$30/person; \$40/couple

**This class is the prerequisite for all other classes in the Building your Personal Theology series.*

From a pocket knife in the past to an iPhone today, we all have ordinary, everyday, dependable things that make our lives better. Having a good, workable theology is also one of those things. Come put together the pieces of your theology. Through conversation, creative reflection and connection to God, join us in building your personal theology. This class has pre-work and homework between sessions.

If the August class doesn't fit your schedule save the following dates for the upcoming October class – Saturdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; 9:30-11:30 a.m.

GROUPS & TEAMS

Retired Men's Stillwater Prison Tour

Tue., Sept. 10 or 17, 8:45 a.m.

The Retired Men's Group invites all men to join them for a tour of the Stillwater Prison. Built in 1914 as an industrial prison, the Minnesota Correctional

Facility in Stillwater is now the state's largest close-security, level four institution for adult male felons; it houses 1,613 men. A background check is required for all participants, so if you'd like to attend, please email your name, tour date preference, date of birth, and driver's license number to Jerry Herbst at gwherbst@comcast.net *If you'd prefer not to email this information, please call him at 651-439-6618.* A sign-up sheet will also be available in the Commons.



Men's Golf Retreat

Sept. 13-15 – northwestern Wisconsin

Depart Friday, 8 a.m. and return Sunday, 5 p.m.

\$125/person includes transportation, lodging, four meals, soda & beer. Golf fees, food & beverage at courses are extra. Space limited to the first 12 men who respond and pay.

A fall men's golf retreat is replacing the annual spring event because spring weather can be so unpredictable. This is a great way to connect with other Trinity men in a relaxed setting, talk about matters of faith, enjoy being outdoors and just have fun! We will golf three courses: Turtleback in Rice Lake; Hayward Golf & Tennis in Hayward; and the world-renown Forest Point Resort Golf Course near Gordon, WI. We will stay in cabins on Lower Eau Claire Lake belonging to Jon Moon and Tom Jolivet and eat food prepared by Chef Josh Longnecker. There will be a steak night, a seafood night and lots of other good eats. Contact Tom Jolivet at tjolivet@luthersem.edu or 651-641-3528 or Bob Eiselt at beiselt@trinitylc.org or 439-7400, ext. 142 with questions or to reserve your spot.

CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Vacation Bible School

age 4 by June 1, 2013
thru grade 4



Kingdom Rock – Where Kids Stand Strong for God!

Students age 4 by June 1, 2013 thru completion of grade 4

August 12-16 • 9 a.m. - noon

\$35/student; \$80/family maximum

At Kingdom Rock, where kids stand strong for God, kids will enter an epic adventure that empowers them to stand strong. Kids will travel through the castle on their way to Bible-learning fun at Sing & Play Rock, Chadder's Royal Theater & Missions, Imagination Station, Tournament Games, Epic Bible Adventures and the King's Kitchen! Here, God's victorious power isn't just a fairy tale, it changes kids forever.

Register online

www.trinitylc.org by July 29!

Volunteers of all ages are needed for our Junior Crew (completed gr. 5 or 6), Crew Leaders (jr. high to adult), and Rotation Station Leaders (adults). Vacation Bible School donations are welcomed.

For more information, please contact Christine Lande at ext. 125 or clande@trinitylc.org.

Job Openings with Children, Youth & Families

Junior High Ministries Director

Plan, create, and implement a Junior High Ministries environment that allows students to carry out Trinity's mission to unleash their creative power of faith by loving everyone, transforming lives through Jesus and serving the world. This area of responsibility will serve Confirmation-age students (*grades 7-9*) and their families. Ministry includes Confirmation programming, camps, missions and special events. For more information, log on to www.trinitylc.org. Resumes may be emailed to beiselt@trinitylc.org. Application deadline: Aug. 1, 2013.

Children's Ministry Position

Do you love working with children and guiding them in their faith journey? Find out more about how you can be part of the Children's Ministry Team by calling Jody Nyenhuis at 651-439-7400, ext. 138 or emailing her at jnyenhuis@trinitylc.org.

Vision Team Update

"...the most important social influence in shaping young people's religious lives is the religious life modeled and taught to them by their parents."

—*Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* ©2009

**FAITH &
FAMILY
2020**

The Faith and Family 2020 Vision Team hosted its first two community conversations in June. Thank you to all who participated and shared stories of who impacted your faith! If you weren't able to attend, there are more conversation opportunities scheduled. The purpose of the team is to explore and define a sustainable ministry model that will result in a maturing Christian faith in children, youth and families; our desired outcome will be aligned with the greater mission, vision and values of the church: Love. Transform. Serve. Contact co-chairs Kathy Luoma at kluoma@scoutsft.com or Mike Johnson at mjohnson4567@gmail.com.

Community Gathering Sessions:

Most gatherings are held from 7-9 p.m.

July 22 Karen & Mark Gieseke

July 30 Angie & Judd Orff

Aug. 6 Deb & Matt Simcik

Aug. 12 Rachel & Kevin Klancher

Aug. 14 Maren & Tim Coltvet

Aug. 19 Norma & Dan Wilson

*Watch for
online link and
sign-up sheets at the
Information Desk
in the Commons!*

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Helping, Hearts and Hands

Helping Hearts and Hands just ended four weeks of fun and learning for kids finishing third through sixth grades! During their mornings of service activities, campers explored what it means to serve as Christians, gracefully demonstrating humility and kindness to all those encountered. The service projects included: landscaping at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI, gardening at the "Giving Garden" in Lake Elmo, helping with the Community Kitchen at Ascension Episcopal Church, and also cheering on athletes at Minnesota's Special Olympics competition at Stillwater Area High School. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Helping Hearts and Hands program phenomenal!

Summer Stretch

The sixth through eighth graders who participated in Summer Stretch blew away the TLC staff with their unmatched commitment and patience toward the service projects they took part in — even with the afternoon "distractions" of a canoe trip, Franconia's Sculpture Park, beach time at Square Lake, and a trip to the Mall of America! Like their younger counterparts in Helping Hearts and Hands, Summer Stretchers participated in morning community service projects like rice-packing with Tom Theits, Special Olympic competition preparation, helping maintain the "Giving Garden" in Lake Elmo, and spending time with residents at the Oak Park Senior Living Center. Our sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who made this year's Summer Stretch program a great success!



**JOYFUL
PATIENT
FAITHFUL**
Romans 12:12-13
Be joyful in hope, patient in suffering, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

J-GROUPS

Hey sr. high students, would you like to be a part of a small group that journeys together through life and faith? Each J-Group has a fun and caring adult leader that walks alongside of you. Your J-Group meets whenever and wherever you decide! Bible studies and other faith guides will be provided for discussions. Contact Cory Jones at ext. 144 or cljones@trinitylc.org.

Fun and caring adults: If you would like to be a J-Group leader, please contact Cory at cljones@trinitylc.org or ext. 144. Senior High Ministries is always looking for adults (21+) to be a part of students lives!



The River is about experiencing Jesus through awesome music, genuine friendship, and exploring relevant issues of life and faith. Look for The River on Facebook and Twitter @TheRiverTLC

Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

- July 24 @ Trinity – Dodgeball in the Gym
- July 31 Otto Berg Park – Volleyball
- Aug. 7 @ Trinity – Dodgeball in the Gym
- Aug. 14 @ the TLC Drive-In* - BBQ & Movie
- Aug. 21 Lowell Park Gazebo @ St. Croix River
- Aug. 28 Otto Berg Park – Volleyball

* The River runs from 7-11 p.m.

Questions? Contact Cory Jones, cljones@trinitylc.org or ext. 144

the **BEST**
Day[s]
EVER
no, really. ever!

Sr. High Ministry
completed
grades 9-11

ONE Day:
\$30
- OR -
BOTH Days:
\$50

Valleyfair **July 22** **10 a.m. @ Trinity for breakfast Valleyfair**

Mall of America **August 6** **MOA & Vali-Hi Drive-In**

Please call or email Cory to reserve your spot.
651-439-7400, ext.144, or
cljones@trinitylc.org

WORSHIP

O P P O R T U N I T I E S

Through Sept. 1, 2013

- **Wednesdays, 7 p.m.**
The River Youth Worship (*Gr. 9-12*)
- **Saturdays, 5 p.m.**
Evening Worship, Communion
- **Sundays, 9 a.m.**
Drive-In Worship and Communion at Houlton, WI
- **Sundays, 10 a.m.**
Traditional Worship and Communion at Trinity

WORSHIP

A T T E N D A N C E

June 22 & 23	July 6 & 7
5 p.m. 39	5 p.m. 52
9 a.m. 251	9 a.m. 348
10 a.m. 145	10 a.m. 95
June 29 & 30	June 13 & 14
5 p.m. 41	5 p.m. 68
9 a.m. 415	9 a.m. 400
10 a.m. 81	10 a.m. 90

Thank you...

We wish to thank everyone at Trinity Lutheran Church for all their prayers for Richard when he was in the hospital. They were much appreciated. God bless you all.

—Diane A. Johnson

Help us keep our records up-to-date

If you change your email, address or phone number, please contact the Church Office at 439-7400 and let us know. We want to make sure you get all the information you need to enjoy all Trinity has to offer.



Trinity giving

BAPTIZED

- **Jordy Michael Nousiainen**, son of Jason & Jean Nousiainen
- **Lucy Rose Decker & Charlie Bryant Decker**, children of Brent & Lindsay Decker
- **Alexis Grace Tobias**, daughter of Joshua and Abby Tobias
- **Claire Bernice Wescott**, daughter of Mace & Maggie Wescott
- **Ellie Kate Sebo**, daughter of Thomas & Christa Sebo
- **Adeline Rose Buberl**, daughter of Jeromy & Jessica Buberl

SYMPATHY

- **Patti (Eric) Olson**, on the death of her father, Richard Hill on June 15, 2013.
- The family and friends of **Curtis Swanson** who died on June 27, 2013.
- The family and friends of **Joanne Pederson** who died on July 1, 2013.
- **Bob (Deb) Eiselt** on the death of his father, Wayne Eiselt on July 11, 2013.

Sign up as a worship helper this summer

All are welcome to help make worship happen this summer...as always! Please sign up to usher, greet and/or serve communion at our 9 a.m. contemporary outdoor worship service in Houlton, or at our 10 a.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary. Sign up online, at the Information Desk, or contact Zanny at zjohnson@trinitylc.org. Once you have signed up, Zanny will contact you with complete job descriptions and confirmation.

answers to new member quiz:

1. Carolyn Briol and Lynae Olson;
2. The Clavette Family;
3. Olivia;
4. Jean N;
5. Nolan Clavette;
6. Mark Briol;
7. John Olson;
8. Jordy N;
9. Matt Lipp;
10. The Meyers Family;
11. Jason N;
12. Olivia;
13. Carolyn Briol;
14. Pat Myers

TRINITY

T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

Summer Sunday van schedule

Trinity's van is available for the Sunday, 10 a.m. worship service at Trinity. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office at 439-7400 between 9 a.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. Thursday to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times for senior residences if you have reserved a seat:

- May 26, 2013 through Sept. 1, 2013**
- 9:15 a.m. – Boutwell's Landing at the main entrance
 - 9:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
 - 9:35 a.m. – Croixdale
 - 9:40 a.m. – Oak Ridge
 - 9:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons

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Fri., July 19 – Wapo Youth Camp
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
 10:30 a.m. Boutwells Sr. Communion
 1:15 p.m. Rivertown Commons Sr. Communion

Sat., July 20
 8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., July 21
 9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP, COMMUNION
 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr

Mon., July 22
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
 7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library
 7 p.m. GLOW Sailing Info Mtg: Living Rm

Tue., July 23
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 9 a.m. Women’s Book Group: Off-site
 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., July 24
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 7 p.m. The River Worship: Trinity Gym

Thu., July 25
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Off-site
 10 a.m. Knitting Ministry: Living Rm

Fri., July 26
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
 10 a.m. Raymie Johnson Sr. Communion
 10:30 a.m. Oak Park Sr. Living Sr. Communion
 1:15 p.m. Oak Ridge Apts Sr. Communion

Sat., July 27 – Jr. High Camp Luther Dell Week 1
 Roots Leadership Week 1; CIT Week 1
 8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., July 28
 9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP, COMMUNION
 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr

Mon., July 29
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
 7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., July 30
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 9 a.m. Women’s Book Group: Off-site
 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 4 p.m. Congregational Council Mtg: Conf. Rm
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., July 31 – Jr. High Camp Luther Dell Week 2
 Roots Leadership Week 2; CIT Week 2
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 7 p.m. The River Worship: Otto Berg Park

Thu., August 1
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 7 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Off-site
 2 p.m. Healing Touch Group: Narthex

Fri., August 2
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
 1 p.m. BeFriender Mtg: Room 108B

Sat., August 3
 8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., August 4
 9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP, COMMUNION
 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr

Mon., August 5
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 1:30 p.m. Commodity Food Distribution: 4th St.
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi: Gym
 7 p.m. Al-Anon meeting: Library

Tue., August 6
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 9 a.m. Women’s Book Group: Off-site
 1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library

Wed., August 7
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 7 p.m. The River Worship: Gym

Thu., August 8
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 7:30 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Off-site

Fri., August 9
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Rm 108B

Sat., August 10
 8 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 8 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Luther Hall
 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

Sun., August 11
 9 a.m. DRIVE-IN WORSHIP, COMMUNION
 10 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION: Worship Ctr

Mon., August 12
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 9 a.m. VBS-Kingdom Rock: Worship Ctr
 6:30 p.m. Tai-Chi: Gym
 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting: Library

Tue., August 13
 7:30 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 9 a.m. Women’s Book Group: Off-site
 9 a.m. Croixdale Sr. Communion
 9 a.m. VBS-Kingdom Rock: Worship Ctr
 9:45 a.m. Good Samaritan Sr. Communion
 10:15 a.m. Greeley Sr. Communion

1 p.m. Prayer Group: Narthex
 6 p.m. AA meeting: Library
 6:30 p.m. Personal Theology–God: Off-site

Wed., August 14
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 9 a.m. VBS-Kingdom Rock: Worship Ctr
 7 p.m. The River Worship: Hilltop Drive-In

Thu., August 15
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 7 a.m. Spiritual Practice: Off-site
 9 a.m. VBS-Kingdom Rock: Worship Ctr

Fri., August 16
 7 a.m. AA meeting: Library
 9 a.m. VBS-Kingdom Rock: Worship Ctr
 10 a.m. Al-Anon meeting: Room 108B
 10:30 a.m. Boutwells Sr. Communion
 1:15 p.m. Rivertown Commons Sr. Communion

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Pastor Siri Erickson Accepts Call...

“There are so many interesting people on campus with whom to collaborate,” she says, “so I’m assuming most of what I’ll be doing I haven’t even dreamed of yet!”

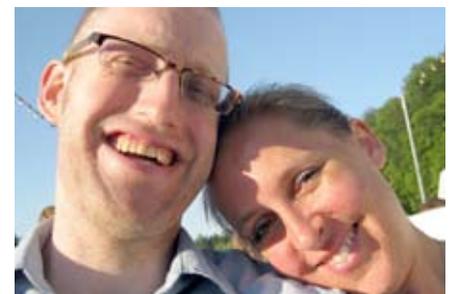
Siri’s move to St. Peter is partly the result of a longtime lobbying effort by her brother, Jordan, and sister-in-law, Heather. Heather works as the Director of Student Health Services at Gustavus. When the Chaplain position opened, Heather (and a host of other people) immediately forwarded it to Siri in hopes that she’d apply. Accepting the Gustavus call not only means moving closer to family, but also embracing her family’s history: her great-grandmother, grandfather, two uncles and a cousin all attended Gustavus.

Of course, this comes at the cost of leaving Trinity, which is bittersweet for Siri.

“I have truly and thoroughly enjoyed ministry here at Trinity, and the number one reason is that I love the people here,” she says. “They are so thoughtful and talented and caring and genuine and sincere — it has been a total joy partnering with the people of this congregation in ministry.”

For Siri, Trinity embodies what is beautiful about church, and she considers it a privilege to have led and served here for almost nine years.

“There are so many people who say ‘I love Jesus but I hate the church’ and I would say to them: you haven’t been to a good church,” she says. “This church is amazing: it is filled with wonderful people, and the people are what make the church; they make faith come alive. So it has truly been an honor to be here.”



Women's Circles



It's good to gather as
Sisters-in-Christ!

Tue., August 20

5:45 p.m. boarding

6:15 p.m. departure

8:30 p.m. docking

Cost: \$25

(payable to Trinity Lutheran—
no refunds; substitutes acceptable)

St. Croix Boat & Packet
525 South Main Street, Stillwater

Send your payment to Pat Reinke,
3510 Osgood Cir. N, Stillwater, MN
55082, or leave it in the
Church Office by Sat., Aug. 1.

NEED A RIDE? Contact Kristie Anderson
at 439-9133 by Sat., Aug. 1 for a ride
from your home to the Andiamo.

All Circle Sisters are invited to gather for a
relaxing evening of sisterhood on the Andiamo!

*Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend who
might be interested in joining a circle!*

The more the merrier!

MENU: Chicken, Barbecued Ribs, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Rolls, Fruit & Cookies. Bring cash for your
beverages of choice please. *FYI, our reserved tables
are next to the main level buffet.*

Joanne Brown and Pastor Candee (accordion) will
lead us in a short sing-a-long immediately following
the meal. The rest of the time enjoy visiting and
breathing in the fresh summer air.

